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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of Koichi SATO, Hiroshi SHIBUYA, and Hitoshi KUROSAKA
A CIRCUIT DESIGNING METHOD AND A CIRCUIT DESIGNING SYSTEM
Assignee: NEC ELECTRONICS CORPORATION
Our Ref. Q76641

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 50 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 14 sheets of drawings, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) with three references.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>30</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>10</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$180.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>6</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>3</u>	x	\$84.00	=	<u>\$252.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$750.00</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE									\$1182.00
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
TOTAL FEE									<u>\$1222.00</u>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1182.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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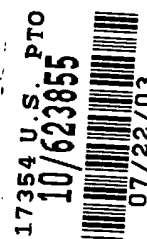
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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-213895	July 23, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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